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San Dimas Homicide Not Homeless Related

San Dimas, CA – On Thursday, March 25, 2021, the City of San Dimas was rocked by a vicious and reprehensible act which has changed the lives of many people and brought a tragic stain on this beautiful City. Our hearts go out to the family of the victim and the residents of the Lone Hill Park area. A candlelight vigil is planned for Sunday, April 4th at 6:45pm at this location. Streets will be impacted, and we invite the community to attend to pay respect to Jeanne Edgar and her family.

According to information provided to City officials, the suspect involved in this senseless act appears to be a resident of a San Bernardino County city and not a homeless individual. There have been multiple social media postings, including some from local news outlets, identifying the stabbing suspect as being homeless. This is not the case.

San Dimas, as are other cities in the region, have and are experiencing increased violent and property crimes for years past. This growth appears precipitous after the passage of various state laws decriminalizing multiple crimes and realigning state prison populations to local jurisdictions such as Los Angeles County, forcing counties to release criminals back to the streets. Law enforcement is hamstrung in many ways, but we as a City are committed to utilizing every reasonable tool to provide law enforcement the ability to safeguard this amazing community.

The City is working internally on approaches to address resident concerns regarding homelessness and the nuisance impacts of commercial activity, such as local recycling centers. Cities, such as San Dimas, are seeing increasing unsheltered individuals throughout the community. There are many stories and causes for homelessness, and we must as a community do our part to assist those willing unsheltered individuals to become productive members of the community. Unfortunately, the City experienced an unattended death of a homeless individual last night. No evidence of foul play was presented, and the loss of any community member is tragic and a time to reflect on what we can do to prevent avoidable deaths is at hand. To this end, City staff are working to find solutions to reduce exposure risk to unsheltered individuals, provide opportunities to get off the streets, and to reduce the instances of unsheltered individuals in our community.

Further, for those who willfully intend to negatively impact our community, we must take appropriate and swift action to protect the rule of law and this incredible community that has become a gem in the San Gabriel Valley.

“The City is committed to maintaining the high quality of life we have enjoyed for so many years. We have confidence in our City team to be aligned in addressing serious concerns raised by our residents,” said Mayor Emmett Badar.

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